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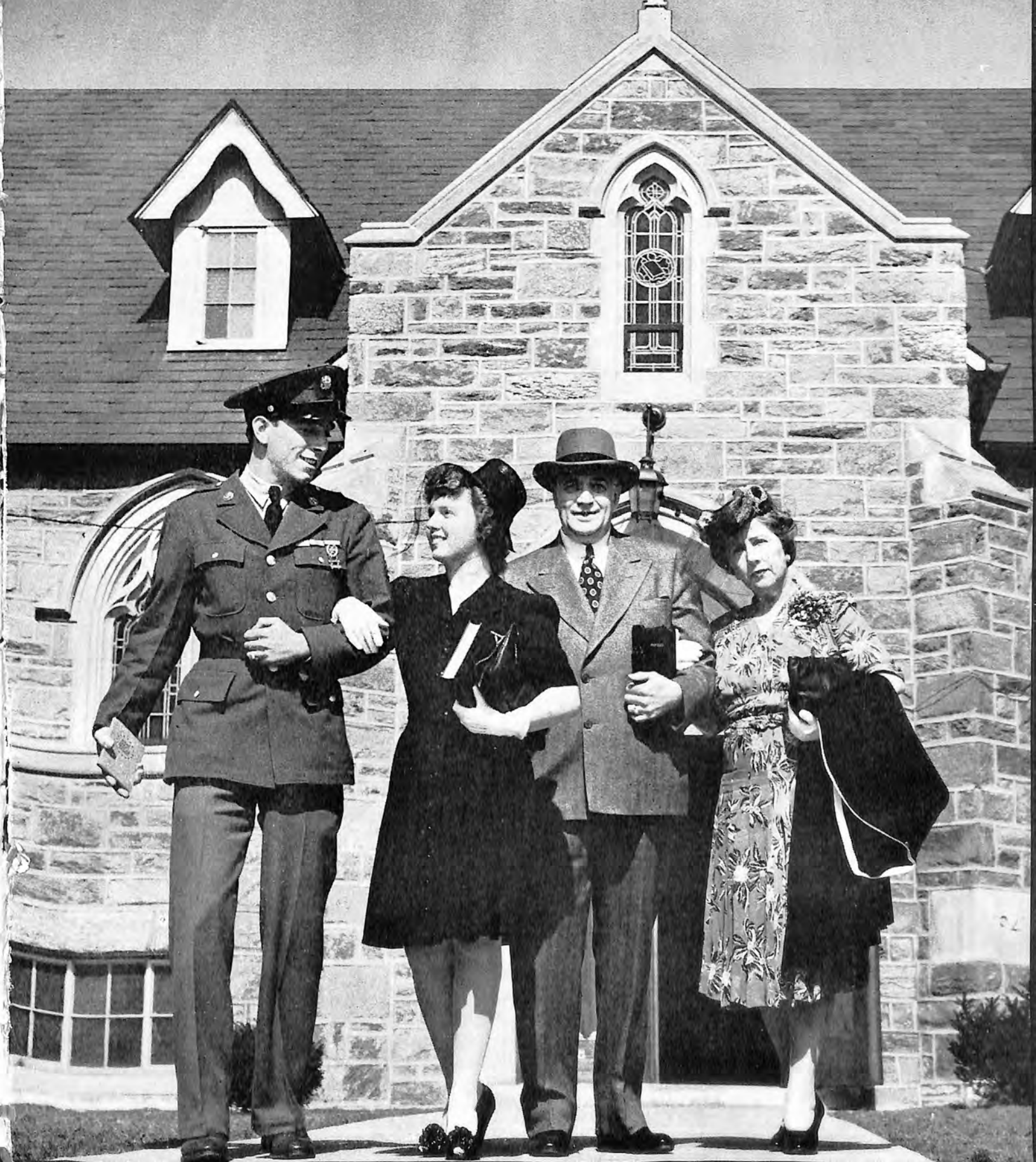

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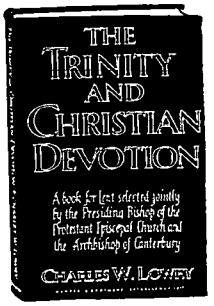
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The Returned Service Man

By The Rev. J. G. Armstrong
Rector, St. Mary's, Ardmore

Much has been said and written about our fellow Americans who have served or are serving in the armed forces of the nation that would lead one to conclude that they, by some strange alchemy, have become creatures of unique needs and desires. Nothing could be further removed from the facts. It is true that living beings continually grow and so changes occur, but "G. I. Joe" is essentially the same young man who went away from his friends and environment for a more or less extended period. He has some new ideas and perhaps has acquired some new ideals, but so has everyone else—for better or for worse.

As we return to civil life we all need friends. We need people to take time to talk to us and to listen to us, one by one, as individuals. We have been separated from the friends we had made and so our first need is friendship. This friendship can only be based on our common citizenship in village, town, state and country; in common membership in the Church. It must be the friendship of individuals sharing a common life and common interests and so both the veteran and those to whom he returns must have patience and understanding. The problems of our present nation and world are equally shared by all. Each individual has a contribution to make to such solution as is possible. We neither desire nor dare separate into veterans and non-veterans but must, each of us, regain our sense of "at-one-ness" with each other. This means, for those whose social lives have continued unimpaired, that time must be made to get to know new friends. The established person must make the first overtures to the "stranger." I would not try to tell you how to do this but I would warn against campaigns or group efforts because no one makes friends as groups but rather as individuals. Human society naturally closes up the gaps made by those who leave the group so now it is essential to make a place for those returning.

Many Have Discovered God

The service man has enjoyed unusual religious opportunities because he has had *time*. Long hours on watch or guard duty; endless hours on bombing flights or "sweating out" the return of the ships carrying friends; endless hours, often in darkness, waiting to be bombed or actually being bombed; hours of waiting with all preparations complete for How Hour on Dog Day. Hours of aloneness with "death beating the door in." Many of these men, though not all by any means, have learned that by realizing the presence of God they could find God, and having found Him have gotten to know Him. The fighter pilots and the bomber crews in Amchitka came to call Him "The Man Upstairs." The homely relationship between man and God became established—not as a result of good deeds, nor by being earned in any way, but because some men came to know their aloneness and their need, and so, knowing, they answered God when He called out to them as He did to Adam in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3: 9). Once man comes to such an encounter with God he never wants to lose Him again. Again others, in reading the Old Testament accounts of God's search for men and man's companionship with God have wanted to know God as Job, David, Samuel, Elijah and Elisha came to know Him, have been filled with the yearning to live with Him as others have. These men have taken time to know Him and have returned as Men of God. They are concerned to keep clear and strong this relationship that is the heart and soul of Christ's Holy Church. Having discovered God they want to live with Him at home, at work, at play, and in their

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churches. They will bring to all of us a renewed assurance in the promise of Jesus, "I will not leave you comfortless." God is not a God of War—He is our heavenly Father who knows our down-sitting and our uprising. He is as discoverable where we are as where He has been found, if we only want to know Him—if we are willing to say, "O, Son of David, have mercy upon me." That is, if *we want.* He wants us.

This message many of these service men are bringing home and are willing to give to you if you will take it.

So you see, service people are not queer people who are apt to go off the deep end at any time, neither are they supermen entirely removed from the world of men. They are your sons and daughters, fathers, brothers, cousins, school-mates who have been off in a far country on the King's business but now they are home again. If we will accept from one another, we shall all be stronger and our together-ness will be restored.

The General Convention

The Bishops and Deputies from all over the world who attend the General Convention meeting in Philadelphia from September 10 to 20 will bring to us a sense of the scope and romance of the Church's work in the far corners of the earth.

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Honolulu Elects Deputy

At the 44th Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Honolulu, the Rev. Wai On Shim was elected by the clergy to represent them at the General Convention. He is Rector of St. Elizabeth's Church, Honolulu, and at the Convocation presented the petition of his congregation to become a self-supporting parish. Mr. Shim comes from a family which has contributed much to the furthering of the work of the Church both in China and in the Hawaiian Islands. His father was a clergyman, and after his death his wife kept going to the little mission her husband had served so faithfully, ministering to the people, and leading them in the Christian way of life.

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Archbishop of Canterbury

When the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Geoffry Francis Fisher, D.D., speaks at the General Convention, it will be the first time one holding his office has attended a General Convention of the Episcopal Church since 1904.

Archbishop Fisher is 58 years old, the father of six sons, all of whom were with the British forces in the war. He was formerly Bishop of London, and before that was Bishop of Chester. He is deeply interested in the development of co-operation among various Christian Church bodies, and in the pressing social problems of the present day.

In a recent address to American soldiers in London, the Archbishop referred to the conquests of the east and the west, possible through allied action, and concluded, "Now, please God, we shall go on together to establish among the nations those high principles of brotherhood which your President and our Prime Minister so consistently proclaimed."

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Visitors to Be Heard in Parishes

Most of the Bishops and many of the Clerical Deputies will be available as preachers in the parishes and missions of the Diocese on Sunday, September 15th. Bishop Hart has appointed a Committee for the Assignment of Speakers, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Bonynge, Caley, Halsey, McKean, and Paynter. So far this committee has received requests from a few of the parishes and from some of the Bishops who will be willing to go out to preach. Communications in this connection should be addressed in writing to the Chairman of the Committee, the Rev. Henry S. Paynter, at the Church House. It is urgent that these arrangements should be made as soon as possible.

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Extending Hospitality

Residents of this Diocese will be asked to supplement the limited hotel facilities by opening their homes for the entertainment of those in attendance at the Convention. This will entail lodgings, breakfast, and in some instances perhaps transportation to railroad stations where the visitors may get public transportation to the meetings of the Convention. Mr. C. Jared Ingersoll is the general chairman of the Hospitality and Reception Committee, and may be addressed at the Church House.

This Hospitality Committee will also co-operate in arrangements for a reception to be held at the Art Museum during the Convention and will maintain information booths in railroad stations, hotel lobbies, and the buildings housing the different meetings of the Convention, to give information to the visitors which they will need to find their way from place to place.

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Busy Days Ahead

Members of the staff of the Church House have all been asked to plan their vacations early, so that all may be back at their places by the middle of August.

Many volunteer workers will be called upon to help both before and during the Convention. Philadelphia has a reputation for hospitality as a city, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be expected by the whole Church to handle the details of this Convention so that it may be a memorable occasion.

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Program of Women's Meetings

A tentative draft of a program for the Triennial Meeting of the women of the Church was released by the National Executive Board of the Woman's Auxiliary at its meeting in New York, February 8-11. Still incomplete at several points, the program reads:

Tuesday, September 10

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
10:30 A.M.—Opening Service of the General Convention.
2:30 P.M.—Opening Business Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary.
Report of National Executive Board and Executive Staff.
8:30 P.M.—Reception, Art Museum, Fairmount Park.

Wednesday, September 11

8:00 A.M.—Corporate Communion and Presentation of the United Thank Offering of the Women of the Church. The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, D.D., celebrant.
11:00 A.M.—Joint Session of General Convention.
2:30 P.M.—Joint Session of General Convention.

Thursday, September 12

7:30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
9:30 A.M.—Meditation: "The Christian Faith." The Rt. Rev. Angus Dun.
10:45 A.M.—Section Conferences on Policy

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Bishop Hart's Message

"The Episcopal Church, when we try to portray it at its best, is called a comprehensive Church. Its critics call it a house of confusion, if not a house divided against itself.

"This is not true in this diocese where we have a rather happy family. It is not true in most dioceses so far as I know. It is on the national scene and in the theatre of our General Convention that the divisive issues seem to crystallize and assume that critical character which alarms everyone who truly loves the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

"Taking the least serious view, they accentuate divisions within the diocese and keep the whole Church from moving ahead toward commonly accepted objectives. At the worst, they contain within themselves the seeds of disaster.

"The trouble with us is that we are all worked up about the wrong things. We seem to have a set of issues which wrack us to pieces instead of bringing us together. The Episcopal Church needs to get excited about a whole new set of issues and to leave some others to the junk pile of history."

The above quotation is from a recent statement of Bishop Whittemore, of Northern Michigan. He goes on to point out that one of the things about which we all should be enthusiastic is the religious education of the children of the Church and of unchurched youth everywhere. In visiting one of our own parishes I was glad to hear a group of laymen, not discussing juvenile delinquency but volunteering to take charge on specific nights of the Youth Canteen operated by that parish. In another parish the vestry showed by its financial appropriation that the Church School was uppermost in their interest. Most of the vestry are active in the Church School. The large number of parents present in the Church School was striking evidence of how alert they are to the need. Some of the Lenten programs in our parishes give evidence of a carefully thought out plan of Adult Education instead of the mere multiplication of services. Bishop Whittemore is certainly right in his contention that, if we get excited about the right issues, we will find ourselves drawn closer and closer together.

I should like to see our laymen get excited about the large number who are not active worshippers and workers in any church—especially those who have a real appreciation of Christian values. The Church has a mission to the out and out secularist, but it also has a mission to those who are often more alert and progressive in their thought than those of us in the Church.

I was interested to find that in one of our parishes the vestrymen are making a real effort to reach the unchurched in their community. This is a definite part of their Lenten program. They are discovering that in order to do this they must have a larger and larger vision of the Church's work. Recently I heard a layman say with great feeling, "So and so is not interested in church meetings and thereby shows his good sense!" Some church meetings are dull. Some are most worth while.

Many leaders in education, business, the arts and the professions, who are now either non-church members or only occasional worshippers, could by their active participation and influence make the Church more effective and vital. Recently, a leading educator said, "It is for the man in the street to demand that the Church do its duty." The educator is only one of many who really desire to see the Church give more adequate leadership. We must do everything in our power to help them to take the necessary step to think of the Church as "us," not "them." Then they would say, "It is for the man in the street to demand of *us* Churchmen that *we* do our duty." It would mean not only a new epoch in the history of our own country but in the history of the world. We must ever keep in mind that many men and women may be inactive Church workers because we have failed in our personal witness or we have made Church work seem petty and dull. Let every vestry examine carefully the program of their parish and see if it is such as to call forth the best ability of everyone.

I hope that the remaining days of Lent will be fruitful days in the life of the Church and that you all will have a blessed Easter.

Oliver J. Hart

Prayer

FOR THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Authorized for use by Bishop Hart

Almighty God, who alone canst quicken thy servants to hear thee and obey, we pray for all Bishops and Deputies to the General Convention and Delegates of the Woman's Auxiliary of this Church, that they may be cleansed by thy Spirit from all unworthiness. Give them a world of vision of the Mission of thy Church; grant them patience and insight, faith and obedience to thy holy will, that being themselves led of thee, they may by thy Spirit lead thy people on from strength to strength in the work of thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. AMEN.

BISHOP HART REPORTS ON RECONSTRUCTION FUND

When the Reconstruction and Advance Fund Campaign was launched, the goal was set at five million dollars. This Diocese set its goal at $500,000. Subsequently the National Council announced that the imperative needs amounted to $8,800,000. The dioceses were not asked to change their goals and we have not done so. I have received requests from a number of clergy and laymen to change our goal to $880,000. It has seemed unwise for us to do so, but I hope that our present goal of $500,000 will be greatly over-subscribed. It will be grand if we do give $880,000.

As of this date (March 4th) the outlook is most hopeful. The Advance Gifts Committee undertook to raise $400,000 and have in hand about $355,000. They are $45,000 short of their goal. The goal of the Parish Offerings was set at $100,000 and the offering to date is $102,013.25. What a splendid tribute this is to the hard-working clergy and the generous lay people of the Diocese. Some parishes have not yet sent in their offering. Some have not even taken their offering as yet but will do so before Easter. My thanks to all who have helped in any way toward this splendid achievement.

ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB ON WEEK-END SCHEDULE

In the February issue of THE CHURCH NEWS the Board of Managers of St. Stephen's Service Club stated that owing to exhaustion of funds and the inability to obtain sufficient volunteers it was considered necessary to close the Club, which had been in operation every day since April 14, 1943.

When this decision became known 350 of our boys addressed a petition to Bishop Hart, which read in part: "This Club has been such a comfort and home to so many of us boys who are far away from our own homes that we would like to feel that it will remain open to us." In addition, such a spontaneous wave of protest followed on the part of our Junior Hostesses, some of our volunteers, and certain of the clergy, that the Board was only too happy to try to meet these demands.

A meeting was held with the Post-War Activities Committee of St. Stephen's Church and as a result the Church has graciously allowed the Service Club to continue to operate Saturdays and Sundays, staffed and financed by the volunteers and friends of St. Stephen's Week-end Service Club.

Our Junior Hostesses immediately volunteered to assess themselves $2.50 a month to help finance the project. This offer on their part, as an evidence of their fine spirit of co-operation, was deeply appreciated by the Board.

We Episcopalians should realize that St. Stephen's Service Club, the principal activity for service men of this important Diocese, was the first denominational club to curtail its program. The Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran and Roman Catholic clubs are still operating on a full-time basis.

We submit that the enthusiasm and co-operation of our Junior Hostesses is worthy of our wholehearted support and that we dare not forget the thousands of men still in the services, stationed in and passing through the city.

Divinity School Elects New Dean

The Rev. Frank Dean Gifford, Ph.D., has been elected as Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School, located at 42nd and Spruce Streets. At present Dr. Gifford is Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Mamaroneck, N. Y., where he has enjoyed a very successful pastoral ministry.

He was born in Elizabeth, N. J., in 1891, and educated at New York University and the General Theological Seminary. He holds the degrees of B.A., M.A., B.D., Ph.D., and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Matthews in New Jersey in 1916, and was advanced to the Priesthood by Bishop Tucker in Japan in 1917, where he was a missionary at the beginning of his ministry, acting as President of St. Paul's College, Tokio, for a time.

In the Diocese of New York he has been Chairman of the Department of Religious Education, Examining Chaplain, member of the Board of the New York City Mission, member of the Standing Committee, and Deputy to the General Convention of 1940.

In 1917 he married Miss Hazel Kathleen Frye, and is the father of two children: a daughter, who is the wife of a clergyman, and a son, who was Captain in the Army Air Corps.

Dr. Gifford will assume his duties on May 1st, taking up residence in the Dean's House on the School property.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER VITAL ISSUES

Philadelphia has been selected as the meeting place for the eastern seaboard area Conference for Priests of the Episcopal Church.

The conference will begin with Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday, April 30th, at 8 P. M. The preacher will be the Reverend Daniel Corrigan, Rector of Grace Church and St. Peter's, Baltimore, Maryland. St. Dunstan's Choir, under the direction of Mr. Edward Siddell, will sing.

On Wednesday, May 1st, at 9 A. M., Bishop Hart will be the celebrant at a Corporate Communion for the clergy attending the conference. He will be assisted by Bishop Remington.

At 3 o'clock that afternoon, Dr. Leicester C. Lewis will deliver a paper on "Church Unity—Theological Considerations." The Reverend Don Frank Fenn will speak on the same subject from the practical point of view at 8 P. M.

Thursday, May 2nd, is the final

day of the conference. At 10 A. M., Dr. Howard Klein, S.T.D., will speak on "The Theological Emphases of Marriage and Divorce."

Dr. Thorne Sparkman, D.D., has been invited to present the practical problems in relation to legislation on marriage and divorce at the final session, which will be held at 3 P. M.

All sessions will be held in Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Conference is but one of many which will be held in various parts of the country. It is felt that in this way much needed information concerning these most important matters facing General Convention may be disseminated.

Because these things concern the entire Church, it is hoped that clergy of all schools of thought will plan to be present at all meetings. Also, while it is a Priests' Conference, the laity are invited to take their place in the visitors' gallery.

Philadelphia's Open Door

After five months as Suffragan Bishop, it may be interesting to the readers of THE CHURCH NEWS to record my first impressions and give an account of my stewardship.

In the first place, we have a great Diocese not only in numbers but in potential strength. Surely God has set before us an open door and no man shall shut it. We live in great and critical times; can we turn the wrath of man into the glory of God and new opportunities for Christ's Church? Can we see in scientific discoveries a challenge to match their terrifying researches with the determination to open wide the door to moral and spiritual adventure? The Christian World Order, for which we all pray, can only be won by contagious example, new faith in God and man, and the continuing practice of submitting all of our decisions to God.

I suppose that all of us are tempted sometimes to concern ourselves with petty things and just the mechanics of religion. We are all very busy people and our days are often filled with the common round and the daily task and that's quite all right if we penetrate the commonplace with spiritual reality. My first impression is that we've got to highly resolve that we are going to give more time to our daily prayers and to the primary function of the Church which is that Christ may be formed in us and so through us become a power in the life of all those with whom we come in contact.

The Diocese has been most generous and hospitable in receiving both Mrs. Remington and myself.

Special Assignments

Besides my duties and delightful social opportunities, two important tasks have been assigned to me. First, the reorganization of the Committee on Christian World Order. Truly, nothing could be more important than this in the day when a war-weary world is stretching out eager hands somewhat pathetically in the hope of a just and durable peace. We are tremendously oppressed by the news which comes to us daily of division and strife. It all seems sometimes too great for us and decisions are being made over which we seem to have little influence; however, the Christian churches have already proved their influence in the creation of such agreements as have been made for the U. N. O. in San Francisco. It may be just a bridge and God may be directing us to even larger things such as world organization in which the myth of sovereign powers may be given up; however, it is a bridge and good Christian people should never cease praying for it and working for happy solutions.

The second task assigned me by Bishop Hart is the chairmanship of the Committee on our Diocesan Institutions. We only have a very few that derive their support from funds given by the Episcopal Church. Nevertheless, there are many which had their original impulse from the Church and your Bishops would be very glad to know just how we can help them in doing the tremendous pieces of social service which they are doing. That must be my approach towards the problem. I think you cannot expect me to give a full report without several years of patient study and of getting acquainted with our institutions personally.

Contrast with Missionary District

For one coming from a Missionary District like Eastern Oregon, many things seem new to me and I hope the Diocese will be very patient as I try to adjust myself from dealing with a group of twelve clergy, which I had in Eastern Oregon, to the 275 in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia has grown from a million to two and a half million since I left thirty-five years ago and it presents many new problems of shifting population and changing conditions. Whatever contributions I have to make will be largely in the nature of personal relationships. These may take some time to establish. Perhaps another contribution I can make is my intense belief in the missionary purposes of the Church. That word means the lifeblood, the lungs' breath, the pulse-beat of the Body of Christ. We have a pearl of great price in our custody. The Episcopal Church stands in the central position. As we establish friendly relations with everyone and share the best that we have, we shall be missionary in the sense that Christ meant when He said: "Go ye into all the world and make disciples."

It is the earnest desire of both Bishop Hart and myself that opportunities be given to us at the time of confirmation to sit down at a common meal with the Rector and his family and also some of the leaders of the Church. Perhaps our schedule of confirmations another year can be arranged so as to give us better opportunity for these contacts.

WILLIAM P. REMINGTON,
Suffragan Bishop.

About one hundred and fifty clergymen of the Diocese attended the pre-Lenten Quiet Day conducted by Bishop Hart at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, on February 19th.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

Plans for the annual spring conference of the Main Line Inter-Church Youth Council were formulated recently at a meeting attended by David Norris and Jim Ston, of St. George's Church, Ardmore; and by Miss Helen Skiles and Theodore Aspel, of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore.

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The Rev. Edward H. Bonsall, of Swarthmore, is in Puerto Rico for a year to direct a community center at San Sebastian.

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Beginning Monday in Passion Week, April 8th, a noon-day service will be held daily in the Church of Our Saviour, Jenkintown. On Thursday evenings in Lent there will be a service of Holy Communion for men at 8 P. M.

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The Rev. Robert H. Gamble, Assistant Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, is now in residence at the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pa.

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A School of Religion is being conducted on Thursday evenings in Lent at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, with topics and leaders as follows: "The Old Testament in the Making," Mr. Samuel Evans, Jr.; "The Missionary Imperative," Mrs. Robert P. Frazier; "The Social Implications of Public Worship," the Rev. Charles F. Ehly, Rector.

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The Service League of St. John's, Norristown, is planning an occasion to welcome home the returned men and women who have been away in war service on the Thursday in Easter Week. There will be a dinner at 6:30, followed by a reception and social program in the Parish House, and concluding with a short service of thanksgiving and prayer in the church.

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The Rev. George C. Anderson spoke at a meeting at Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, during the observance of Brotherhood Week. His topic was "Brotherhood Within Our Country."

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A scroll of honor was recently dedicated in the Church School Chapel at St. Simeon's Church, bearing the names of those from the parish who served in the armed forces. It was given by Harper Anderson, himself a member of the Army during the war.

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The following officers were recently elected to serve the newly reorganized Y. P. F. of Calvary Church, Conshohocken: President, Alan Earl; Vice-President, Alan Wood; Secretary, Mrs. William Adams, Jr.; Treasurer, Miss Letty Gum.

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Members of the choir of St. Matthew's Church travel long distances to keep up their regular attendance. Some of them come from Lansdowne, Essington, Wallingford, Cheltenham, Norristown, Chestnut Hill, and Wayne.

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Miss Mary Ormsby, for many years a social worker in connection with the Church's work among Jews, recently died at her home in Pennsville, N. J. Burial service was conducted at Christ Church, Ridley Park, by her nephew, the Rev. Albert O. Judd, Rector of the parish. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery, Broomall, Pa.

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Fire caused by a short circuit damaged the Memorial Church of the Holy Nativity, Rockledge, on February 20th. The extent of the damage was estimated at $2,000. Most of the damage was in the chancel.

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An exhibition of bells, including many examples of the bell-makers' craft, is being held at the Free Library of Philadelphia, 19th Street and the Parkway.

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Officers of the Young People's Fellowship of St. Luke's Church, Kensington, were recently elected, as follows: President, William Campbell; Secretary, Bernice Kirschner; Treasurer, William Whitehead.

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The rented house occupied as the rectory of Trinity Church, Swarthmore, has been sold. The parish is in the market for a permanent rectory.

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The Rev. E. Felix Kloman, Rector of Christ Church, addressed the Camden Kiwanis Club on "The Example of George Washington."

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"Sports Night" was recently observed by the Men's Club of Christ Church, Ridley Park. Moving pictures were shown on horses.

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Mr. Norman C. Coombs, III, has been engaged as Choirmaster and Organist at St. John's Church, Lansdowne.

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Miss Florence Gillin, private secretary to Bishop Hart, is celebrating her twentieth anniversary as a bishops' secretary. She has filled this position since 1926, by appointment of Bishop Garland, Bishop Taitt, and Bishop Hart.

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The Rev. Percy G. Hall, who was a Colonel in the Army Chaplain Corps, has been appointed a member of the Army and Navy Commission of the National Council by the Presiding Bishop.

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Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth, Professor Emeritus of Princeton University, has been giving a series of four Shakespearean lectures under the auspices of the Churchwoman's Club. The series began on March 12th and will be concluded on April 15th at the rooms of the club, 1919 Walnut Street.

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There are about twenty girls from 10 to 14 years of age in the Girl Scout Troop of Grace Church, Mt. Airy. Mrs. John J. Eaton is Chairman of the Troop Committee and Mrs. Harold Mutch is Secretary-Treasurer. The leaders are Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Vanderherchen.

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The Board of Council of the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal City Mission announces that, taking effect March 1, 1946, the name of the Home for Consumptives, Chestnut Hill, will be changed to All Saints' Hospital for Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Clergy Conference

Bishop Hart will hold a conference for the Clergy of the Diocese at the Episcopal Academy on Monday, June 10th. The Department of Christian Education will co-operate by presenting some outstanding national leaders in the field of education.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

The following quotation from *Watson's Annals* makes us realize what a responsibility we have to live up to in Philadelphia in endeavoring to make the coming General Convention worthy of the city where the American Church was organized.

"The history of this Church (Christ)," says the *Protestant Episcopalian* of March, 1838, "is in a measure identified with the first organization and establishment of the Church in the United States;—for here it was that the first General Convention of clerical and lay deputies from seven of the thirteen states met to frame our Ecclestial Constitution in 1785 and again in 1786."—From *Watson's Annals*, Vol. 1, page 367.

The Triennial Committees for Hospitality and Housing, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Nicholas Roosevelt and Mrs. James T. Davis, and for the Entertainment of Missionaries, Mrs. William H. Jefferys, Chairman, would be very glad to have the names of any persons who will offer hospitality to those who are planning to come to the Triennial in September (10th to 20th). Owing to the shortage in the number of rooms that the hotels are able to offer, it is anticipated that there will be those who will not be able to get satisfactory accommodations.

Will anyone who has hospitality to offer please communicate with Mrs. James T. Davis, 202 South 19th Street. Room and breakfast and means of transportation to the University of Pennsylvania Museum or to railway or trolley would be the requirements.

MARGARET PACKARD.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, for both Day and Evening Branches, will be held on Monday, May 27th, beginning with Holy Communion at 12 noon, in Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market.

Following a sandwich lunch, the business meeting is to begin at 2:00 P. M., with the afternoon given to necessary business, including election of officers, together with "highlights and hopes" of the various Departments.

Dinner will be served in the Neighborhood House, and in the evening we shall have the opportunity of hearing the special speaker of the occasion, the Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Rector of St. James' Church, New York, whose subject will be: "Some Important Issues to Come Before the General Convention."

Last year an all-day Annual Meeting was held, with the evening given over to the Junior and Evening Branches. This year, in an effort to have a real Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary, a combined meeting is being planned. Our hope is that the members of the Evening Branches who cannot be present at 2:00 o'clock will attend as much of the afternoon session as possible, and that we may all be together at dinner and at the evening session.

Reservations for both meals must be made by May 15th. Lunch—35c; dinner—$1.00.

United Thank Offering

This spring will be the last Diocesan Presentation of the United Thank Offering before General Convention. Each parish is urged to have a parish presentation in August so that the offering may be sent to the Church House in time for the great Convention Presentation Service on September 11th at 8:00 A. M. at Convention Hall. The Presiding Bishop will be the celebrant, assisted by thirty Missionary Bishops.

We are within sight of our goal of $100,000 as Pennsylvania's gift from thankful women. (Including interest, we have in hand now $71,000.) Let each of us help to make this goal a reality by praying, sharing and interesting more women in the work that the Offering makes possible.

The Diocesan Spring Presentation Service will be on Thursday, May 2nd, at 10:30 A. M., at St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut Street. Bishop Hart will be the celebrant and our preacher, Chaplain George Wickersham, U. S. M. C., recently returned from Japan.

The United Thank Offering has grown because women of the Church have remembered "to stop and thank," and has had a vital share in the spread of the Church's influence throughout the world.

Summer Work

"The Church's work is never done." It goes right on—even through the "Philadelphia summer"! Daily Vacation Bible Schools flourish; Settlement Houses are beehives of activity. We all recognize the value of providing spiritual and mental stimulation as well as socially constructive recreation for the children and young people of our city. We recognize, too, that this work cannot be done adequately without qualified leaders and that leaders cannot do their best work with large groups without assistants.

Young people of high school age are excellent assistants. Working, under supervision, with children on the playground, in Bible Schools and handicraft classes, they make a valuable contribution to the life of the school or settlement.

What do they receive in return? Not much money, certainly! Perhaps only carfare and lunch money. But those who have done this kind of work know what they will gain: new friendships—with co-workers who have "been through the mill" with them; awareness of the values

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ANNUAL MEETING

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MONDAY, MAY 27TH

OLD CHRIST CHURCH - PHILADELPHIA

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12:00 Noon — Holy Communion
1:00 P. M. — Lunch
2:00 P. M. — Business Meeting
6:00 P. M. — Dinner
7:45 P. M. — Address: "Issues Before General Convention," The Rev. Horace B. W. Donegan

(Reservations must be made by May 15th)

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"MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

Strange indeed are the activities that are placed under the heading of being about our Heavenly Father's business as various churches and church people portray it. On one hand there is the news story, complete with pictures, of a whole group of clergy marching in a picket line carrying the traditional signs denouncing the honor and fairness of management. Again, there is a major church convention busying itself with a resolution to be sent to the national government denouncing inflation and the rising cost of living. Still another unit hotly pursues our Heavenly Father's business by hastily dashing off a resolution denouncing the military authorities for what it considers a lagging demobilization program.

Inescapable Truth

There are, undoubtedly, elements of truth and justification in every one of these tangential actions. But it is all the more pitiful that a partial truth is set up in such a way as to obstruct men's vision of the really great truth. The sad fact is inescapable that more harm has been done the Christian cause by mistaken meddling outside its proper field than ever has or probably will be by theological misconceptions. The Church at times, and individual parishes quite commonly, has been prostituted to fractional interests in society. In every case, though it may have produced power, or prestige, or economic ease for a time, it has, in the long run, undermined religion's effect upon society as a whole. Christ's concern is always with the individual atoms of society and with the whole great bulk of society but not at all with "isms," "blocs," strata, or any other sub-divisions that may think they are the salvation of human life and honor.

The Church's Proper Role

The task committed to His followers and representatives by Christ is one of utmost difficulty. Our job is to condemn and root out sin wherever it occurs and at the same time to retain the love and respect of the sinner. Sin is sin whether it goes by special euphemisms or not. It matters not a bit whether the sinner's garments are of white linen or dirty denim or even richly embroidered ecclesiastical brocades. The corrosive effect upon souls and society is just as real and just as demanding of condemnation.

Few there are who would argue this point. Argument does come in, however, as soon as specific issues come up for consideration. Complaint and justification can be laid on the door-step of every person and group. Is the Church right to cast the whole weight of its prestige to the side which can show 51 percent or more preponderance of complaint? Definitely not! We are charged with being totally opposed only to that which is totally evil. It is our duty to be so opposed wherever the evil may occur, in our vestry, in a corporation where our parish's endowment may be invested, or in a picket line in which some of our own parishioners may be marching. Our task is, so to speak, to carry the banner of truth, the whole glorious truth, through the no-man's-land between the picket line and the conference table. In all the controversies yet to be aired for public view neither side has been so blameless that it has a right to woo that spotless banner behind its own lines.

False Antithesis

Are we then to be reduced to a position of "mealy mouthed" talking first out of one side of our mouth and then the other? Of taking no firm stand on any of the great issues that be-devil our nation and world today? Obviously that in no way depicts the staunch character of Christ which is the model of all we can and should hope to be. He sat at table with "publicans and sinners" to be sure. But let it not be forgotten that He also accepted the hospitality of those paragons of hypocrisy, the Pharisees. In both cases He found occasion for laying a bit of the eternal truth before them, and in no case did He become one of either of them. We can do no better than endeavor to pattern our efforts to teach the truths of the Kingdom of His. Dare we do otherwise though the course requires that we be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves"?

Perhaps the greatest mistake of all that we make is to expect others to show greater performance along Christian lines than we can point to within our own ranks. It is aptly expressed by the attitude of a certain hotel manager who was taken to task by one of the local clergy for discrimination in not permitting certain racial groups to engage rooms. His response was about like this: "Sir, I shall be happy to see that that is changed when you have changed it in your church." If, instead of passing resolutions condemning the un-Christian practices of others, we could bend our efforts to making a more Christ-like Church, our example would be infinitely more effective than reams of beautifully worded resolutions. Why look askance at industry's racial discrimination when we can find plenty of our own parishes corroded with not only that but social discrimination also? Why be outspoken in criticism of secular education when we have so far found no really effective way to make informed Churchmen of our own youth? Why condemn the nations and politicians of the world for war-breeding disunity when all of Christendom and our own denomination is shattered into pitiful fragments that can abide each other only at considerable distance?

We need great witness for the faith. The world is hungry for it. The blinded souls of men cry out in darkness for it. Multitudes of conventions will be held from this moment on by all kinds of divisions of the Church. Can we expect some modern prophet to arise with the divine vision of a way to make the Church more like Christ? That is our "Father's business" which is great enough to occupy every ounce of our attention, every grain of our spiritual power. When we mind our own business in that way we shall not have to go to the street corners or factory gates to tell our story. Word of our success will get around and we will have all we can do finding room for truth-hungry listeners in the House of God.

A. O. J.

Department of Christian Education

Youth Week-end

The Diocese of Pennsylvania will be host to the young people of our Church at "Youth Week-end," which is the first week-end of General Convention, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1946. Two delegates and an adviser from each diocese are entitled to attend.

The Diocesan Youth Commission has undertaken the responsibility of managing Youth Week-end. Within the Commission, Miss Julia Hill has consented to act as chairman of a general committee and has gathered about her an efficient staff of subchairmen, including Miss Isabella Peoples, Dick Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shotwell and the Rev. Messrs. Schmidgall and Turner.

The program for Youth Week-end calls for registration and get-together, Friday night; sessions and a chance to visit General Convention, banquet, mass meeting and dance on Saturday; Corporate Communion at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany early Sunday morning and a closing session Sunday afternoon. All meetings will be held in the Christian Association building, except the mass meeting, which will be held in Irvine Auditorium.

Representative young people from all sections of the Diocese are on committees and are now engaged in arranging the details for a successful convention. The Rev. Louis E. Fifer, III, Chairman of the Youth Commission, is working with Miss Newman and Miss Hill as a general co-ordinator of activities.

The Youth Commission recently conducted a survey of the youth work in the Diocese. The survey will be the order of the day at the next Commission meeting, and a report to the Diocese through THE CHURCH NEWS will be made concerning the finding of the survey.

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Vacation Church School

A bit early to speak of the Daily Vacation Church School—but not too early if we really mean to plan for such a venture.

We would say to each Priest and Director of Religious Education in the Diocese: "Won't you consider this subject in the interest of your children, and plan definite teaching, play and employment for some part of the long summer holiday?" Vacation Church Schools are popular and much more successful with our Denominational Friends than with us. Why? Please examine the subject; search the possibilities; see some of the results obtained; and then, if you do not consider such a school profitable, please tell us. Were all the clergy and lay leaders behind this effort of caring for children between the ages of five and twelve during the summer holiday, we could do better work; the children would be helped and made happy, too, and many homes would be more quiet and peaceful. "John and Mary" would not be "problem" children! Last summer a girl of eight said to a worker, "I'm a problem child." When asked why she was so termed, the child replied: "My mother says I'm always getting into something, especially in the summer." We leave the point with you.

This year, the Department suggests that we put our emphasis on the Doctrine of the Church—a large field—but it can be made real fun for the children—just as much as learning to play baseball in accordance with the rules of the game, and more lasting. A few suggestions may help in planning:

The Treasure Hunt . . . Catechism is Fun . . . Some of the things our Lord learned as a Boy . . . What makes a soldier of the Cross? . . . or a Project on the General Convention.

It means interest, perseverance and lots of work. Incidentally, in teaching children, "grown-ups" learn a lot, all of which would strengthen the Church of today for God's glory of tomorrow.

Presentation Service

on the grounds of

THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

Sunday, May 19th - 4 P. M.

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Bishop Hart will receive offerings of Church Schools of the Diocese.

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Bishop Remington will make the address.

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Be Present You Are Expected

Won't you give this matter your prayerful consideration, and if you cannot have a school of your own, help another parish to have one?

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Weekday Religious Education

The untimely death of Helen Washburn has taken from the chairmanship of the Diocesan Committee on Weekday Religious Education a leader of unusual vision and ability. So outstanding has been her approach and study of the subject that the Committee now finds itself in a position of real leadership in the thinking and planning that is everywhere going on in this field.

Miss Washburn has opened the way for our Church in this area to take an active part in setting up the kind of schools of weekday religious education which will justify releasing children from the public schools for attendance in them. Her leadership has brought in to her Committee outstanding clergy and lay persons, many of them prominent in the field of education. Through their work on various sub-committees, they are making a large contribution to the splendid progress that is being made by the Diocesan Committee.

The Department of Christian Education at the Church House, where information is filed, is constantly being sought out for advice, not only by our own clergy and laymen, but by leaders from all Protestant denominations. With the change in the school law passed last year, there has developed a strong movement in this area toward the establishment of such schools, so that by next fall we are likely to find many being set up in and around Philadelphia. Careful planning, sound financial support, and an adequate and trained staff are essential to their success. The greatest need is to find trained and good teachers. These the Committee is seeking through the clergy of the Diocese.

Churchwoman's Club

The program of the Churchwoman's Club for April is as follows:

April 2nd—Pictures of Charleston Gardens, Dr. Anderson.

April 9th—Executive Board Meeting.

April 23rd—Annual Service at St. Mark's Church. 7:30 P. M. Preacher, the Rev. William H. Dunphy.

April 30th—Records and discussion, the Rev. Frank Williamson.

BUSY LENT FOR G. F. S.

Mission Study and Lenten Box Work feature G. F. S. programs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week. Suggestions for study on the topic "The Church Among Uprooted Americans" have been sent to each Branch, and excellent material is available to both Juniors and Members. It is good for the younger Church people to give time to learning more about Share-croppers and Migrants, Negroes and Japanese-Americans, European refugees and those original Americans still in our midst—the Indians.

Box-work, done in co-operation with the Woman's Auxiliary, will be sent to Holy Spirit Indian Mission, Randlett, Utah. Children's clothing, sleeping bags and a large number of "ready-mades" will bring joy to this lonely outpost of the Church's work on an Indian reservation in Northeastern Utah, where a little church stands "in a vast space of sand, sage brush and mountains" six miles from a main highway and more than one hundred miles from the nearest railroad. The Rector, the Rev. W. J. Howes, ministers to several such missions, all poverty-stricken and forlorn, but loyal to their Church.

Annual Festival Services are always a part of Friendly life in the springtime. That for Associates and Members will, this year, be held at Old St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets, on Wednesday evening, May 1st, at 8 o'clock. The Rector, the Rev. Frederick W. Blatz, will preach. The service for Juniors is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, May 4th, in St. Nathaniel's Church, "D" Street and Allegheny Avenue, at 3 o'clock. The preacher is not yet announced. The service is always followed by a presentation of awards given by the Senior Members Club for excellence in various skills.

The importance of the work done by the Society among these Juniors cannot be minimized. Small girls, ranging in age from six to twelve years, find themselves through their programs a part of the Church's activities, sharing, according to their ability, in all its efforts from parish to national, while at the same time their Church and Parish House become a part of their happy young lives. In the effort made earlier in the year, for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, this sharing was vividly seen. Practically every Junior group joined in the money-raising—dressing dolls, making toys, working for Parish Bazaars, assisting at Parish Suppers—playing their part in the world-wide emergency. Incidentally, this united G. F. S. contribution now totals $1,348.00 as its gift to the diocesan pledge.

The Diocesan Members Branch is now sending a monthly food-box to France, through the American Friends Service Committee. It goes to a German refugee family, in desperate need, now living in France.

The "Oxford Market," a new version of country fair, will be held on the grounds of Trinity Church, Oxford, on Saturday, May 25th, next, for the benefit of the Friendly's own diocesan budget. There will be all kinds of goods to sell, supper will be served, games and folk dancing will help to entertain—from 2:00 o'clock until 8:00 in the evening. More details next month!

CHURCH MISSION OF HELP

The Church Mission of Help, located at 2139 Locust Street, through its Girls' Service Bureau, gives case work service to adolescent girls. Organized thirty years ago, it is the oldest society now in existence that has membership in the National Council Church Mission of Help. It co-operates closely with the Sheltering Arms, the unmarried mother service of the Church.

Girls' Service Bureau has girls referred by public schools, social agencies, courts, clergy, and private individuals. The majority of the problems presented by girl clients center around their relationships and adjustments to their own homes and families, work, school, boy and girl friends, and religion.

These problems are dealt with objectively by a trained and experienced staff of three case workers and the Executive Secretary, Miss Ellen Stone Johnson. Dr. LeRoy Maeder is psychiatric consultant to the agency. Other Church and community services are used for the benefit of the girl. A small "study home" is maintained, where problems of girls are studied and treated. There are many girls in foster homes and some in Church Schools; but the majority are living with their own parents or kin folk. Some girls are under the care of the agency for a period of years, others for a short time. This depends upon how deep-rooted the problem may be; how easily it responds to treatment, and how serious it is.

COLES HOUSE OFFERS UNIQUE SERVICE TO GIRLS

It would seem like a dream today to say that a girl could find board and room for three dollars a week. However, there was a time when the Young Women's Boarding Home Association was able to make such a dream come true. Even today comfortable and respectable accommodations are obtainable at "Coles House," operated by this organization, at comparatively low cost.

In 1865 Miss Mary Coles conceived the idea of establishing a boarding house for young girls, who, dependent upon their own exertions for support and earning from $3 to $5 a week, could live at the moderate price they could afford to pay.

The first house at 1433 Lombard Street was in successful operation until 1871, with accommodations for twenty-eight girls. To meet the great demands another house was rented temporarily at 1013 Spruce Street. In 1872 the house, located at 915 Clinton Street, was purchased and operated for a time at the low cost mentioned above. Contributions of coal for heating, and annual subscriptions from friends of the work to meet occasional demand for repairs and improvements, were the key to economy.

In 1875 the house at 913 Clinton Street was purchased, increasing the capacity to 56 girls. In 1944 Mrs. Effingham Perot, having passed away, her home at 917 Clinton Street was purchased, renovated and dedicated

by Bishop Hart on November 9, 1945.

Many hundreds of girls have been sheltered in these comfortable, home-like houses. Visitors are always welcomed that they may see and tell others about this work which has been going on in a quiet way for over three-quarters of a century.

Race Relations Program

The 12th annual Abraham Lincoln-Frederick Douglass anniversary celebration, featuring better race relations, was held on the day before Lincoln's Birthday at the morning assembly of the Germantown High School.

An address on "Better Race Relations" was delivered by Mr. G. James Fleming, former Regional Director of the F. E. P. C. in Philadelphia, now a member of the staff of the American Friends' Service Committee, and a member of the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations.

The Rev. E. Sydnor Thomas, Rector of St. Barnabas' Church, Germantown, was master of ceremonies, and the Scripture lesson was read by the Rev. E. Felix Kloman, of Christ Church.

THE CHURCH CANTEEN ANSWERS "YOUTH PROBLEM"

The Friday Night Canteen, held weekly at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, draws from 100 to 150 young people, after two years of steady growth in attendance and interest. The regular weekly charge for admission is 25c per person. After attending from three to five of the sessions, a young person may become a member; is registered by the hostess, and is issued a membership card. This card is countersigned by the Rector, who always tries to be present.

Good Supervision

While this Canteen is not "dominated" by adults, results have been obtained because parents and other interested adults in the parish are glad to persevere in putting practical Christianity to work for the boys and girls of high school age in their community. Mrs. James Hepler, wife of one of the church's vestrymen, and mother of one of the Canteen members, heads the Hospitality Committee and plans entertainment and special events. Mrs. Earl Doelling, mother of another "member," assisted by sixteen women, prepares an ample supply of simple and varied refreshments. Sample menus: milk and cinnamon buns, chocolate sundaes and pretzels, fruit juice and cake. Admissions cover all costs.

Program of Activities

The general purpose of this youth canteen is similar to those in operation for service men. Dancing to the music of a juke box is the standard attraction; but from time to time

Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Rector, countersigns a new member's card.

special events are staged, such as a Valentine Dance, when a flesh-and-blood orchestra replaces "canned" music. Each Friday night, after the 11 o'clock closing hour, a group of the young people begin the work of straightening up the Parish House. They enjoy this part of the evening as much as any; and they do a thorough clean-up job.

EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

Chapel speakers at the Episcopal Academy during February were the Rev. Packard L. Okie, Acting Chaplain at Princeton University, recently returned from the Liberian Mission Field; the Rev. William L. Aulenbach, Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown; and Mr. Richard McFeeley, Headmaster of Friends Central School, Overbrook. The latter spoke in connection with the Academy's observance of National Brotherhood Week.

James Armstrong, of the Sixth Form, and David Crownover, of the Fourth Form, accompanied the Rev. Elbert K. St. Claire, Chaplain, to the Buck Hill Falls Conference for Secondary Schools. The theme of the conference was "On Being a Real Christian," the principal speakers being the Rev. Howard D. Rubendall, Headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, and Mrs. Harper Sibley, of Rochester. Episcopal Academy was one of thirty-three schools represented at the conference, attended by two hundred students and faculty. Mr. St. Claire is a member of the Planning Committee for next year's conference.

The Academy is now engaged in the Red Cross Campaign as well as European School Relief, having concluded a drive for usable clothing to be sent abroad.

The Chaplain and a member of the students and faculty were present at the Corporate Communion and Breakfast held February 22nd at Holy Trinity Church under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Church Club.

A Corporate Communion for the students, parents and friends of the Academy was held at the School Chapel Ash Wednesday at 8 A. M.

ALL SAINTS', WYNNEWOOD, BUYS ADJOINING GROUND

The Rev. Gibson Bell has recently completed twenty-five years as Rector of All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, and a reception was arranged in his honor, when it was announced that $10,500 has been raised to purchase approximately two acres of land immediately adjoining the original property at the intersection of Montgomery Avenue, Gypsy Lane and Manor Road.

This new purchase more than doubles the size of the property and affords space for needed new buildings to accommodate the rapidly expanding work of this parish in a growing community.

Mrs. William P. Remington, wife of the Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese, spoke to the Study and Auxiliary groups of the women of St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, on March 12th.

162nd DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The opening meeting of the 162nd Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Monday, May 6th, at 5 P. M. Supper for the delegates will be served in Holy Trinity Parish House. There will be a mass meeting in the church at 8 P. M., when Bishop Hart will read his annual address to the Convention. All persons in the Diocese are invited and urged to attend this meeting in the evening. On Tuesday morning the Convention will open with a service of Holy Communion at 9 A. M.

Memorials for Ridley Park

Rich simplicity and dignity characterize the chapel recently dedicated at Christ Church, Ridley Park, in memory of the late Thomas Z. and Mary Heston. It was not only donated by their son, William Parke Heston, but planned and

partly executed by him as well. Of special note is the figure of Christ the King on the hanging crucifix. It was modeled by Mr. Heston, cast in terra cotta, and then gold leafed. So far as is known this is the only case in which such technique has been employed. The effect has been highly commended.

A new set of sterling silver altar vessels has been presented in memory of Harold Woodin by his family. He served faithfully as acolyte and chorister for several years before being inducted into the army. He saw service only in Italy, where he died of wounds received while on patrol duty during the final push to drive the Germans north.

Two new sets of Prayer Books and Hymnals for use in the sanctuary have been presented by Mrs. John Strong in memory of her father.

Clerical Brotherhood

There will be no meetings of the Clerical Brotherhood on April 15th (Holy Week) or April 22nd (Easter Monday). Speakers are scheduled for other meetings as follows: April 1st, the Rev. Stanley Nodder, East Baptist Church, Kensington, "Techniques with Children"; April 8th, the Rev. John Robbins Hart, "Valley Forge and World Peace"; April 29th, Mr. Glen O. Kidd, Secretary, Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., "Pure Water for Philadelphia"; May 6th, the Rev. Walter C. Klein, "Doctrine of Forgiveness of Sin in Holy Scripture"; May 13th, Mr. Olan Black, Assistant Scout Executive of Philadelphia, "How Boy Scouts Can Serve the Church"; May 20th, Mr. George Craig, Eastern District Representative of the C. I. O., "The Aims and Purposes of the C. I. O."; May 27th, the Rev. W. Hugh Fryer, "Experiences of an Army Chaplain."

RELIGION AND LIFE

Laymen Apply Teachings

St. Monica's Church, Woodland Avenue and St. Mark's Street, has a complete Lenten program, including visiting clergymen to preach at mid-week services; but the Rector, the Rev. Matthew W. Davis, has arranged one portion of his schedule that may be of especial interest to others.

On the six Sunday evenings in Lent, six laymen, representing various vocations, are speaking on the general theme, "What the Christian Church's Teachings Mean in My Life's Work." Included among these speakers are an organist, a sergeant of police, a physician, the manager of a housing project, and a public school official.

PUBLIC LIBRARY RUN BY RURAL PARISH

The parish of St. James, Perkiomen, which is located at Evansburg, Pa., and of which the Rev. Mr. Edward Platts is Vicar, dates back to about 1700, and is unique in that it sponsors and operates a public library, located across the street from the church in a building formerly used as a Church School and Chapel. This library, which had been operating for 13 years preceding the war, was closed in May of 1942, due to the exigencies of war, and was reopened on January 3 of this year. It has been reorganized by Mr. Charles H. Miller, vestryman of St. James, and Librarian of Ursinus College, and is operating under his direction.

Before reopening, every book was examined by Mr. Miller, and many hundreds of worn-out or otherwise unsuitable books discarded. The men of the church banded together, under the leadership of Mr. Platts, and painted the entire interior an attractive pastel green-blue, sanded and varnished the floor, and installed two large fluorescent lighting fixtures. When this was finished, women of the church cleaned the interior, washing shelves and floor, and dusting each book.

The library contains about four thousand books and has a separate alcove for children's books. Local citizens contribute recent books and periodicals in large numbers, and the financial support comes from contributions by local individuals and organizations, plus the income from a fund which was bequeathed to St. James for educational purposes. The church also provides light and heat for the building. Members of the church and other local women act as library attendants.

Veterans for Ministry

The Committee on College Work for the Third Province believes that it might be helpful to have a week-end conference for veterans who are interested in entering the ministry. They propose to hold the conference at the College of Preachers from June 18th to 20th. Bishop Hart would like the names, addresses and parishes of men in the Diocese of Pennsylvania who would be helped by this conference.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY COMMUNION WELL ATTENDED

About 250 men and boys, many in uniform, and many more wearing discharge buttons, attended the annual Washington's Birthday Communion Service for the male communicants of the Diocese, at the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Bishop Hart was the celebrant, assisted by Bishop Remington, the Rev. Dallas E. Buzby, Chaplain of the Valley Forge Military Academy; the Rev. William N. Parker, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood, former Chaplain of the Philadelphia Local Assembly, Brotherhood of St. Andrew; the Rev. John Vander Host, Rector of the Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown.

A breakfast was served in the Stephen Girard Hotel, when the principal speaker was the Rev. Crawford Brown, Chief Chaplain, United States Veterans' Administration. He spoke of the rapidly expanding work in the government

hospitals for veterans, stating that over 50% of the patients were in institutions especially for neuropathic cases. The Chaplain Corps at present consists of 64 Protestants, 31 Roman Catholics, 3 Jewish, 2 other religious affiliations. Even with this large number of full-time Chaplains, Chaplain Brown stressed the need of co-operation on the part of parish clergy located near veterans' facilities. He also stressed the fact that these institutions afford a great opportunity for members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew to practice their rules of prayer and service. He cautioned that both clergymen and laymen undertaking this work on a voluntary basis should be trained in the necessary qualifications.

At the head table at the breakfast, in addition to the speaker and the Bishops of the Diocese were Mr. Henry Beck, President of the Philadelphia Local Assembly, who presided; the Rev. William H. Dunphy, newly elected Chaplain of the Local Assembly of the Brotherhood; the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther, Chairman, Forward in Service, who cooperated in arrangements for the program of the day.

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RECTORY CLUB TO SEND HELP TO BRITISH CLERGY

Due to the cancellation of the February meeting of the Rectory Club, necessitated by the transit strike, an important piece of business remains unfinished.

At the November meeting, the project of sending boxes of food, or food and clothing to some of the clergy families of Britain who, as we know, are very severely rationed, was approved. A list of about 70 names was made up, of people known to Mary Earp Stow and Bishop Fleming, who gave us the names and addresses; and this list is in the office of the Church House, in the care of Miss Mathers, the switchboard operator. Some boxes have been sent, but many names remain as yet unprovided with a gift box.

All who wish to have a part in this friendly gesture to our Church neighbors in England, are asked to call Spruce 6650, and Miss Mathers will give you the name of a family and all the details of the plan, such as suggestions as to the kind of food to be sent, size of box and so forth. Your help is necessary if we are to carry out the plan which the Rectory Club has undertaken.

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The Rev. Archibald Campbell Knowles, Rector of St. Alban's Church, Olney, is the author of "A Rendezvous With Destiny," pub-

BUDGET OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR 1946

ASSESSMENTS		
Support of the Episcopate	$ 34,385.26	
Convention and Diocesan Expense	27,156.40	
Rectors' Salaries and Pensions	8,000.00	
	$ 69,541.66	
Less Income from Investments	—6,550.00	
TOTAL ASSESSMENT BUDGET		$ 62,991.66
MISSIONARY BUDGET		
Executive Office	$ 2,756.78	
Treasurer's Office	5,693.41	
	$ 8,450.19	
Convocations		
Chester	$ 11,551.52	
Germantown	3,625.30	
Norristown	5,122.13	
North Philadelphia	11,207.59	
South Philadelphia	6,000.77	
West Philadelphia	1,615.59	
Dean's Contingent Account	2,000.00	
Total	$ 41,122.90	
Departments and Commissions		
Deaf, Church Work Among the	$ 2,617.33	
Field Department	1,000.00	
Publicity Department	4,000.00	
Recruiting for the Ministry	2,000.00	
Christian Education	7,545.00	
Diocesan Corp. for Christian Work in Educational Institutions	7,008.94	
Christian Social Relations	1,000.00	
Total	$ 25,171.27	
Institutions		
Church Farm School	$ 9,000.00	
City Mission	18,173.34	
Galilee Mission	2,580.00	
Seamen's Church Institute	2,902.50	
House of Rest	500.00	
Mont Alto	579.44	
Total	$ 33,735.28	
Miscellaneous Items		
Weekday Religious Education		
Automobile Account	$ 1,000.00	
Contingent Fund (General)	1,500.00	
New Work	4,000.00	
Insurance — Public Liability	275.00	
Workmen's Compensation	150.00	
Mortgages — Interest	537.79	
Premium Mortgage Redemption	2,350.00	
Taxes	726.62	
Returning Chaplains	5,000.00	
Total	$ 15,539.41	
Special Items		
Episcopal Hospital	$ 28,000.00	
Advent Offering	1,000.00	
	$ 29,000.00	
TOTAL MISSIONARY BUDGET		$153,019.05
Less Income other than Contributions		—2,225.00
		$150,794.05
National Council Expectation		154,684.00
GRAND TOTAL MISSIONARY BUDGET		$305,478.05
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET		$368,469.71

lished by David McKay Company, Philadelphia. The subject of this book is the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States. There are chapters on the youthful days at Hyde Park, entrance into public life, overcoming physical affliction, presidential career, etc. In a summarized study of his speeches, the author says: "He put spiritual values first, sincerely believed in and practiced religion, was a lover of the home and wished all the people to be properly housed, clothed, and fed; he believed in facing facts fearlessly and hopefully; he saw the world as a whole, and not as isolated parts; he believed in and loved the common people, and always espoused the cause of the weak and suffering and the underprivileged. These and similar utterances reveal Mr. Roosevelt as a very noble man, a great statesman, a man of wide vision and of Christian character."

Clerical Changes

The Rev. Robert Wise, formerly Curate at Good Shepherd, Rosemont, has resigned to take up work in the Missionary District of Northern Texas.

The Rev. Leopold Damrosch, who was working in Manila before the war, is temporarily assisting at Good Shepherd, Rosemont.

The Rev. John R. Huggins, former Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Bridesburg, has become Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale; address, Glen Riddle, Pa.

The Rev. Walter P. H. Parker, recently ordained Deacon, is in charge of Ascension, West Chester, and St. Cyril's, Coatesville; address, 1724 Christian Street, Philadelphia 46, Pa.

The Rev. John Henry Morgan, formerly of Hattiesburg, Mo., is now in charge of St. Luke's, Eddystone, and St. Luke's, Chester; address, 1400 East 10th Street, Eddystone, Pa.

The Rev. William R. Cook, formerly Curate at Trinity Church, Roslyn, Long Island, has become Curate at St. Peter's Church and Vicar of the Transfiguration Mission, 7th and Bigler Streets; address, 313 Pine Street.

The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, formerly Vicar, Transfiguration Mission, has become Curate at St. Stephen's Church, 10th above Chestnut Street.

The Rev. Frederick B. Hornby (retired) is now in residence at the Memorial Home Community, Penny Farms, Clay County, Fla.

The Rev. John Ward Smith was instituted as Rector of the Church of the Redemption, 56th and Market Streets, on February 20th, by Bishop Remington.

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THE GENERAL CONVENTION

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and Procedure, led by members of the Executive Board.
2:30 P. M.—Business Meeting.
Report of the Commission on the Christian Faith.
3:15 P. M.—Section Conferences.

Friday, September 13

7:30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
9:30 A. M.—Meditation: "The Christian Home." Bishop Dun.
Report of the Nominating Committee for members of the National Executive Board.
2:30 P. M.—Business Meeting.
Report of the Commission on the Christian Home.
3:15 P. M.—Section Conferences.

Saturday, September 14

7:30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
9:30 A. M.—Meditation: "The Christian World." Bishop Dun.
10:45 A. M.—Officers' Conference.
2:30 P. M.—Business Meeting.
Report of the Commission on the Christian World.
3:15 P. M.—Section Conferences.

The program for the second week will follow a similar schedule, with Bishop Dun concluding his series of meditations on Monday. Tuesday the report of the Nominating Committee for members of the Executive Council will be heard. Wednesday morning there will be an address by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnem, President of the Federal Council of Churches. The final closing will be on Friday at noon.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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Methods and Missions

The Main Line Church School Association met at St. John's Church, Cynwyd, on February 25th. Group conferences were held after the supper and business meeting: one on the work of the Font Roll and Beginners' Department, led by Miss Alma Clarke and Mrs. Karl H. Beyer; the other by the Rev. Aaron Manderbach on Visual Aids in the Church School. Miss Rachel Walker, a teacher in a school for Chinese girls in Shanghai, spoke at the evening service, giving facts and impressions which were very helpful to those present in connection with the Lenten offering program of the schools represented. The next meeting will be held in May at St. John's Church, Compass.

The Vestry and Congregation of the Church of St. Jude and the Nativity have given expression to their appreciation of the twenty years' rectorship of the Rev. John L. Saunders, who resigned his parish February 1st: "Our Rector has always preached the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ, Saviour of mankind. Not the least of his ministrations have been 437 baptisms and 320 candidates presented for confirmation."

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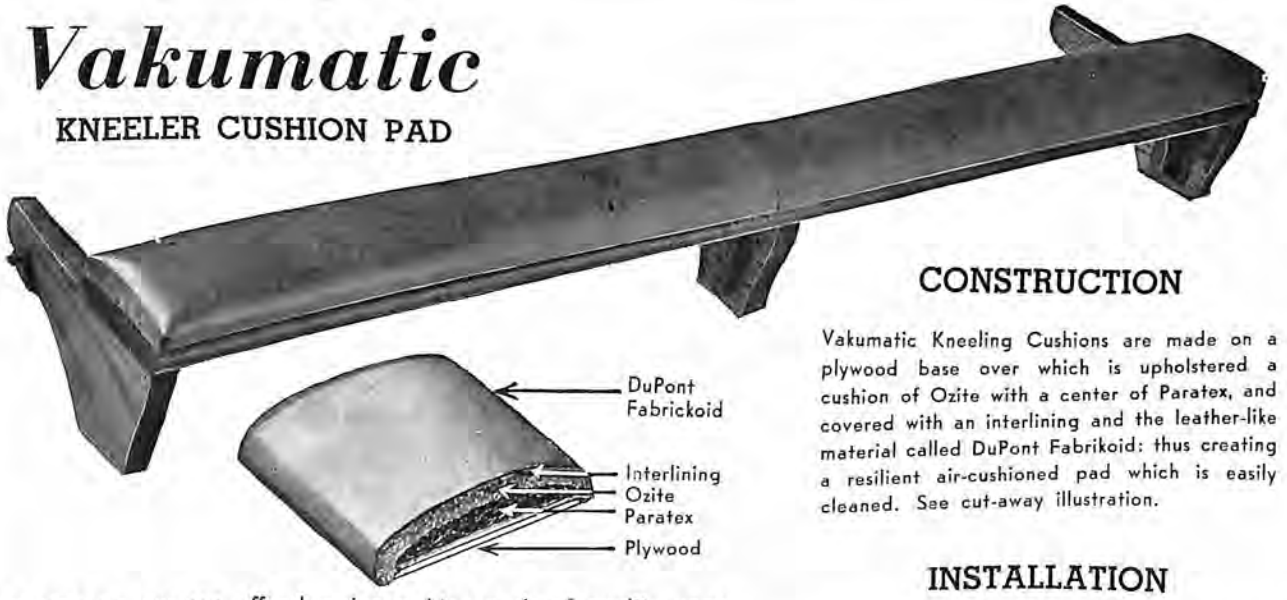

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